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Dear Administrator:

Please be advised that I represent both the Wilderness Society and the Utah Wilderness Association regarding a challenge to a proposed gypsum mine in Gardner Canyon which is within the Mt. Nebo Wilderness Area. As you may or may not know, a Draft Environment Impact Statement has been issued by the Forest Service, which unfortunately would allow mining in that area. We are currently in the process of challenging the sufficiency of that DEIS.

In the DEIS itself your agency has been listed as one of those agencies which would be required to issue a permit on the proposed project area before mining would be allowed. For your information the mine is currently owned by a Bob Steele and we believe that he will have Jack Dansie do the actual mining, if it is ultimately allowed.

We would like to know what procedures your agency has in place for reviewing and ultimately deciding whether to issue a permit. Furthermore, I would like to be notified if and when an application is submitted to obtain approval from your agency and to be informed of those steps which will be taken by your agency regarding the review of said application. I would appreciate it if

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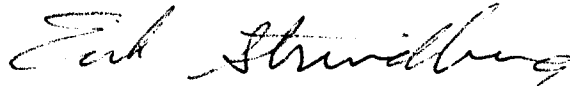
you could respond in writing with this information. In addition, could you please copy both Gary McFarland of the Utah Wilderness Association and Jane Leeson at the Wilderness Society with your response. Their addresses are as follows:

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Sincerely,

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